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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ROK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MAURITANIA

1. AFTER PROTRACTED EFFORTS KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAS OBTAINED INDICATIONS FROM MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER (THROUGH HITHERTO UNRESPONSIVE MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR HERE) THAT NOUAKCHOTT WOULD BE OPEN TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROK. PRIOR PRECONDITION WOULD BE ECONOMIC COOPERATION, I.E. AID. KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAS RESPONDED WITH OFFERS OF CABINET-LEVEL MISSION AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ACCORDS. OTHER THAN VAGUE REFERENCES TO FISHERY ASSISTANCE AND CANNERY, KOREAN AMBASSADOR IS UNAWARE OF MAURITANIAN NEEDS AND INTERESTS AND REQUESTS ADVICE.

2. COMMENT: ROK SEEMS RECEPTIVE TO "BUYING" MAURITANIAN RELATIONS PROVIDED PRICE IS NOT TOO STEEP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE NOUAKCHOTT'S ASSESSMENT AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ROK OFFERS.
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